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## 1 2 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 JORGE GARCIA, No. CV 07-6012 JSW 10 Petitioner, 11 12 ROBERT HOREL, 13 Respondent. 14

## BACKGROUND

Petitioner, Jorge Garcia ("Garcia") a prisoner of the State of California, filed a habeas corpus petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the constitutional validity of his state conviction. On November 30, 2009, the Court denied Garcia's petition on the basis that he failed to show any violation of his federal constitutional rights in the underlying state criminal proceedings. Garcia has filed a notice of appeal and an application for certificate of appealability.

A petitioner may not appeal a final order in a federal habeas corpus proceeding without first obtaining a certificate of appealability (formerly known as a certificate of probable cause to appeal). See 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c); Fed. R. App. P. 22(b). A judge shall grant a certificate of appealability "only if the applicant has made a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right." 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2). The certificate must indicate which issues satisfy this standard. 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(3). "Where a district court has rejected the constitutional claims on the merits the showing required to satisfy § 2253(c) is straightforward: the petitioner

must demonstrate that reasonable jurists would find the district court's assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

For the reasons discussed in the order denying the petition, Petitioner has not shown that reasonable jurists would disagree that the claims in his petition are without merit. Accordingly, the application for certificate of appealability is DENIED. The Clerk of Court shall forward this order, along with the case file, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Petitioner may also seek a certificate of appealability from that court. See United States v. Asrar, 116 F.3d 1268, 1270 (9th Cir. 1997).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 6, 2010

JEFFREY S. WIMITE SWINTED STATES UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE